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POWER CRISIS IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam though facing a serous power crisis, is not likely to get any benefit from the Lower Subansiri Hydro Electric Project of the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC), despite its location in Assam;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the electricity to be generated thereby is to be shared amongst different States; and

(d) if so, the steps taken and being taken to secure its due share to Assam?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (d) : The Subansiri Lower Hydro-electric Project (2000 MW) is beingimplemented by National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) in the Central Sectorin Arunachal Pradesh. The left bank of the dam will be in the State of Assam and theright bank of the dam and power house will be in the State of Arunachal Pradesh. The project is scheduled to be completed by September, 2010.

Before commissioning of the project, the power from the project would be allocated to the beneficiary States including Assam, in accordance with their entitlement under the Central Sector Power Sharing formula at the tariff to be fixed by the CentralElectricity Regulatory Commission for which NHPC has to enter into legally bindingarrangements with all the beneficiary States for purchase of power. While Bihar, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Orissa, Sikkim and Damodar Valley Corporation have already signedMemoranda of Understanding (MoU) with NHPC for power of the project, Governmentof Assam and other North Eastern States are yet to sign the same.